

# The Methodist University Distinguished Professor of the Year 2024-25

Every year, Methodist University honors a full-time faculty member who has made a distinct difference in the teaching climate of the University in such areas as:

- ◆ Model Classroom Teaching
- ◆ Campus Leadership
- ◆ Pioneering Teaching Methodology
- ◆ Creative Course Development
- ◆ Instructional Support



Both students and faculty are invited to nominate a faculty member for the award. To nominate a deserving faculty member, faculty and students should scan the QR code and complete the form **by the close of business Friday, May 16, 2025**. Faculty awards will be announced during the Fall 2025 start-of-the-semester meetings and honored at the faculty and staff reception before classes begin.

## Criteria

1. Model Classroom Teaching
  - ◆ Stimulating, informative lectures; discussions; and in-class projects
  - ◆ Innovative and appropriate use of laboratories and audiovisual materials
2. Promotion of learning beyond the classroom
  - ◆ Making opportunities for students to use their newly acquired skills in the larger University environment and the surrounding communities
  - ◆ Encouraging students to go on their own to use their skills in gaining experience
3. Professionalism
  - ◆ Exemplary conduct toward students and other faculty
  - ◆ Fulfilling the non-teaching aspects of faculty roles
    - Committee assignments
    - Advising
    - Required reports
4. Research
  - ◆ Related directly to or applicable to the courses taught by the faculty member
  - ◆ Published in state or national scholarly journals
5. Competency in all levels of undergraduate teaching
  - ◆ The recipient should teach both upper-division and lower-division courses.
  - ◆ This criterion does not exclude chairs or senior faculty whose assignments are primarily at the upper-division level.
6. Continuing professional growth over a period of years
  - ◆ May include work done at previous institutions
  - ◆ Involves documentation of a solid record of increasing achievement